



# CALIFORNIA STATE THREAT ASSESSMENT CENTER

## 24-HOUR REPORT

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### (U) CALIFORNIA

#### (U) Grizzly Flats – Father and Son Arrested on Suspicion of Starting Caldor Fire

(U) Authorities in Northern California announced the arrest of a father and son in connection with the Caldor fire, which burned for 67 days and threatened the community of South Lake Tahoe as it grew to become the 15th-largest wildfire in recorded California history. David Scott Smith, 66, and his son, Travis Shane Smith, 32, were arrested on Ramey warrants, which are issued before criminal charges are filed, according to the El Dorado County district attorney's office. Both men are accused of "reckless arson."

SOURCE: 8 December 2021, [The Los Angeles Times](#)

#### (U) Redlands – Police Arrest Student Suspected of Bringing 'Ghost Gun' to High School

(U) A student at Orangewood High School in Redlands was arrested after he was found with an unloaded "ghost gun" on campus, along with suspected stolen property. James Anthony Jones, 18, of San Bernardino was arrested yesterday on suspicion of possession of a firearm on school grounds and possession of stolen property. Police were contacted after school administrators alerted them that Jones had the firearm on campus. The gun was "unloaded, unserialized" and determined to be a "ghost gun."

SOURCE: 9 December 2021, [The Mercury News](#)

#### (U) San Diego – Man Shot Killed at Marine Corps Depot Entrance Gate Identified

(U) The man who was shot and killed at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot entrance gate in November, after approaching base personnel with a knife, has been identified. Marine officials identified the man as Travers Spargo King, 36, of Boston, Massachusetts. USMC officials also stated that King previously served in the US Coast Guard. On 26 November, King attempted to enter the base at the gate 5 entrance. Base personnel asked King to stop the vehicle. King then got out of the vehicle with a knife and approached the personnel with "hostile intent." After several warnings, King was shot.

SOURCE: 8 December 2021, [The San Diego Union-Tribune](#)

#### (U) San Ramon – Bomb Threat Forces Evacuation of Police Headquarters

(U) A called-in bomb threat Wednesday morning forced the evacuation of San Ramon Police Department headquarters. The threat came in at 9 a.m., and those inside the department exited the building for about 30 minutes. A full search revealed nothing suspicious, and police believe there was zero credibility to the threat. Detectives are investigating and researching the call information to see if they can determine who is suspected of making the call.

SOURCE: 8 December 2021, [The Mercury News](#)

#### (U) Stockton – Stockton Police Fatally Shot Armed Man Who Charged at Police Station

(U) A man has been shot and killed by Stockton police officers after he allegedly fired at police outside of police headquarters. The shooting happened in the parking lot in front of the Stockton Police

Department Operations Building, according to a police department statement. Police say the man arrived at the parking lot and began firing a semi-automatic handgun. Several police officers then shot the man, hitting him. Paramedics arrived at the scene and declared the man deceased.

SOURCE: 9 December 2021, [CBS Sacramento](#)

**(U) Walnut Creek – Anti-Vaccine Group Targeted Head of California Medical Board**

(U) The head of the California Medical Board says members of an anti-vaccine group known to spread misinformation about COVID-19 treatments targeted her at her home and workplace in Walnut Creek on Monday. The men identified themselves as belonging to a group called America's Frontline Doctors, a right-wing political organization known to oppose COVID-19 vaccines and offer unproven treatments for those infected with the virus.

SOURCE: 9 December 2021, [The Mercury News](#)

**(U) NATIONAL**

**(U) District of Columbia – US Targets El Salvador Officials with International Sanctions**

(U) New York City – The United States yesterday imposed sanctions on dozens of people and entities in Europe and the Western Hemisphere including an organized crime group based in northern Kosovo and El Salvador officials who Washington accuses of negotiating with the MS-13 gang. The US Treasury Department said Wednesday's action, the latest in a series of sanctions announcements named 16 individuals and 24 entities linked to transnational crime.

SOURCE: 8 December 2021, [Reuters](#)

**(U) Florida – Civilian Air Force Police Officer Threatened Mass Casualty Event**

(U) Jacksonville – A civilian Air Force police officer at Joint Base Charleston was arrested in Florida after officials said he threatened to "commit a mass casualty event with the use of his vehicle." Thomas James Stephan, 30, was arrested on a charge of written or electronic threats to kill, do bodily injury or conduct a mass shooting or an act of terrorism. Authorities stated that he had made threats that he would commit "suicide by cop" and that he'd engage in a shootout if he was stopped by law enforcement. Officers said Stephan also threatened to run his vehicle into a hospital and that he'd attempt to access a military installation.

SOURCE: 9 December 2021, [ABC News 4](#)

**(U) New York – Company Settles Opioid Case for \$200 Million**

(U) New York City – AbbVie Inc agreed to pay \$200 million to settle claims by New York that its Allergan unit helped fuel an epidemic of opioid addiction in the state, shortly before jurors heard closing arguments from remaining defendant Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd in a trial that has lasted more than five months. The case is one of more than 3,300 filed by state, local and tribal governments across the country accusing drug makers of minimizing the addictiveness of opioid pain medications, and distributors and pharmacies of ignoring red flags that they were being diverted into illegal channels.

SOURCE: 8 December 2021, [Reuters](#)

**(U) INTERNATIONAL**

**(U) Australia – Ransomware Attack on Utility Claimed by Russian-Speaking Criminals**

(U) Brisbane – One of the most prolific Russian-speaking ransomware gangs has claimed credit for a weekend attack on an Australian electric utility serving millions of people. Australian media reported on Monday that Chinese government hackers were behind the breach at CS Energy, which is owned by the

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Queensland state in northeast Australia. Conti is believed to be a Russia-based cybercrime operation, not a China-based APT, so it would appear that the attack on CS Energy is simply an addition to the ever-expanding list of financially motivated ransomware attacks.

SOURCE: 8 December 2021, [Reuters](#)

### **(U) France – Police Arrest Two People Suspected of Plotting Christmas Stabbing Attack**

(U) Paris – French police have arrested two people suspected of planning a stabbing spree over the Christmas holiday period, French media reported yesterday. ISIS propaganda was found during the arrests, which were made close to Paris.

SOURCE: 8 December 2021, [Reuters](#)

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